



Los Angeles County Regional Park And Open Space District

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The Honorable Board of Directors
County of Los Angeles
Regional Park and Open Space District
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

**APPROVE ALTERNATIVE PLANS OF EXPENDITURE FOR
THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITION OF 1996 FOR
THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR
THE CARVER PARK GENERAL REHABILITATION PROJECT AND
THE DEL AIRE PARK GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
(SECOND DISTRICT)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation to utilize an amount not to exceed \$260,000 in unspent Specified Funds of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 to fund the Carver Park General Rehabilitation Project and the Del Aire Park General Improvements Project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find the Carver Park General Rehabilitation Project and the Del Aire Park General Improvements Project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the record of the projects.
2. Approve an alternative plan of expenditure for the Department of Parks and Recreation to fund the proposed Carver Park General Rehabilitation Project by reallocating an amount not to exceed \$250,000 in Specified Funds, originally allocated to the Department of Parks and Recreation in Section (3), Subsection (a), Paragraph (1), and Subparagraph (FF) pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996.

3. Approve an alternative plan of expenditure for the Department of Parks and Recreation to fund the proposed Del Aire Park General Improvements Project by reallocating an amount not to exceed \$10,000 in Specified Funds, originally allocated to the Department of Parks and Recreation in Section (3), Subsection (a), Paragraph (1), and Subparagraph (ZZ) pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996.

4. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award grant amendments in an amount not to exceed \$260,000 to the Department of Parks and Recreation when applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grants as of the date of award and pursuant to guidelines in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects; otherwise, funds shall remain in the Assessment Funds account.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to utilize a total not-to-exceed amount of \$260,000 in unspent Specified Funds of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), to partially fund the Carver Park General Rehabilitation Project and to the Del Aire Park General Improvements Project (Projects), \$250,000 from Section 3(a)(1)(FF) and \$10,000 from Section 3(a)(1)(ZZ) of the 1996 Proposition, respectively.

The Project at Carver Park involves general improvements to the community center, including the replacement and/or repair of the community building's roofs and restrooms, upgrades to the irrigation system, and the installation of kiosk, bike rack, benches, signage, and drinking fountains.

The Project at Del Aire Park involves general improvements to the facility, including upgrades to the gymnasium and concrete sidewalks, and refurbishment of the irrigation system.

It is also recommended that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director), in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, be authorized to award grant amendments, when applicable conditions have been met. Applicable conditions include grantee qualifications, consistency between the projects and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, and grantee agreement with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the projects, if applicable. It is further recommended that that the Director be authorized to administer the grants pursuant to the Procedural Guide previously approved by the Board.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goal of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) by improving and enhancing recreational activities in the Second Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grant amendments, in the amount of \$260,000, is budgeted in the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's (RPOSD) Assessment Project Fund (HB4) under Other Charges.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1992 and 1996 Propositions set forth deadlines for agencies to encumber funds allocated to them in the Proposition and further set forth procedures for agencies to request reallocation of those funds, as follows:

Specified Funds - 1992 Proposition

The 1992 Proposition provided funding for projects that were specified in the measure, and identified a procedure for revision of those projects prior to July 1, 1998. The procedure outlined in the 1992 Proposition remains the method by which specified project funds may be approved by the Board for other uses. An agency may submit a revised plan of expenditure to use the funds for a project that is consistent with the purposes of the 1992 Proposition.

Specified Funds - 1996 Proposition

Under the provisions of Section (5), Subsection (e), of the 1996 Proposition, an alternative plan for expenditure must be submitted and approved to commit the funds allocated to specified projects between June 30, 2003 and June 30, 2004. As of July 1, 2004, uncommitted specified project funds are subject to allocation to other projects by the Board.

On June 2, 2009, the Board approved the Procedural Guide to govern the administration of RPOSD grants. The Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended additional grants as well.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All public agency projects funded by RPOSD are required to comply with CEQA as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the project. The County of Los Angeles is the lead agency for the Projects.

The Carver Park General Rehabilitation Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Project, which consists of general improvements to the community center, including the replacement and/or repair of community building's roofs and restrooms, upgrades to the irrigation system, and the installation of a kiosk, bike rack, benches, signage, and drinking fountains, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15301(a)(d), 15302(c), 15303(e), and 15311(a) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 1(c)(d), 2(e), 3(b), and 11(d) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the proposed project consists of repair and rehabilitation of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of an existing use, the replacement of structures where the new structures will be located on the same site and have the same purpose and capacity of the structures replaced, and the installation of small new accessory structures. In addition, the Project is not in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the proposed project records.

The Del Aire Park General Improvements Project is categorically exempt from CEQA according to section 15301 (d) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Class 1(c) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project consists of

maintenance of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of an existing use.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The Project Agreement Amendments will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grants have been met. The Project Agreements will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by RPOSD, but are required so that the Department may utilize the unspent grant funds on the proposed projects.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Facilities and Asset Management Division, and one to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

RUSS GUINEY

Director

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c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors